

BERESFORD READY FOR A MILL

BOTH HANDS FULL WITH DREXEL AND MILLS DEBTS.

The Challengers Are Supposed to Have Gone Into Training Room That Tony Biddle Will Be Drafted, Drexel Gymnasium the Probable Battleground.

Lord Decies himself and his brother, the Hon. Seton Robert Beresford, gave evidence to THE SUN reporter last night that beyond the peradventure of a doubt Mr. Beresford did not suddenly find out that he was a champion pugilist at the Waldorf on Friday night, that Mr. Beresford, champion amateur heavyweight of England, is willing to meet both Mr. Drexel and Mr. Mills in what is technically known as the squared circle.

All around the Waldorf lobbies and Peacock alley yesterday afternoon, in the Ritz and at the Harvard, Brook, Calumet and other clubs, the story persisted that Mr. Beresford while being spoofed a bit at his brother's expense, the night before about his prowess, had said suddenly that he would take on any two men among the diners present. Mr. Beresford last night admitted that this thing had happened and that he had been challenged by Mr. Drexel and Mr. Mills to meet them in almost mortal combat in the private gymnasium of Mr. Drexel's home at 1015 Fifth avenue. Mr. Drexel recently was married to Marjorie Gould, sister of Miss Vivian Gould, whom Mr. Beresford's brother, Lord Decies, is to marry early next week.

Mr. Beresford told Mr. Drexel and Mr. Mills at the little of them on some time early in the day and then go to have a bit of tea at the Ritz. After tea, it was arranged, he doubtless would find time to take on the other between tea and Lord Decies's bachelor dinner at the Ritz last night.

"Just as a bit of sport, of course," said Mr. Beresford last night to the reporter. "That is, I mean to say, nothing really or brutal or, I mean to say, bloody. One understands that one must exercise a bit, and one finds no better exercise than boxing, I mean to say, with one. But nothing really."

And Mr. Beresford did appear at the Ritz as he said he would. But where were Mr. Drexel and Mr. Mills? Not at their homes and not at their club. One rumor at the Waldorf was that Mr. Drexel had gone to Philadelphia to try to influence his cousin, Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, pupil of Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and host to Bob Fitzsimmons and other distinguished gladiators, to come over and be drafted into service.

All afternoon a patient search for Tony Drexel and Phil Mills failed to turn them up. At the offices of Messrs. & Williams, real estate dealers at 30 Madison avenue, where Mr. Mills usually is in working hours, the stenographer said early this morning that Mr. Mills usually came in at 10 o'clock and probably was there. Usually Mr. Mills does lunch at the Waldorf, she said yesterday. And he never came back from lunch.

Mr. Drexel had luncheon at his own home shortly after 1 o'clock, the message from Mr. Beresford in the forenoon in which said message Mr. Beresford said that he just had his tub and felt particularly fresh. Mr. Beresford said he was telephoning from his Waldorf apartment and added a jolly word here and there to remind Mr. Drexel about the challenge of the night before. Stories that traitors at Jersey City, the Grand Central and the Pennsylvania station had been quizzed by messengers inquiring to learn whether Mr. Beresford was coming to join his brother, Mr. Beresford, Miss Gould and Lord Decies's sister, the Hon. Mrs. Barclay, at a tea table before going into a private dining room for his bachelor dinner.

"Now, really," Lord Decies said when asked about the various fights, "really, you'll pardon me for smiling, really this is a matter that you should talk to my brother about. I should say that it was all a bit of a tip-off last night. After our tub this morning the matter came up again, and we decided Mr. Drexel over the telephone about it."

"But you have been quoted as saying, 'I should say that it is interesting,' remarked his lordship. 'What have I been quoted as saying?'"

Lord Decies was told in detail just what he had said about the challenges. He listened with a smile and a show of much interest on his ruddy face.

"My word," he gasped when the report of what he had said was ended, "I don't all that got out? But it is my brother who can tell you most about all this. I mean to say my brother is inside. Wait a minute and I shall get him."

Lord Decies made his exit under strings of smiles, a few minutes later and entered again in a few minutes with Mr. Beresford. Mr. Beresford is slightly over medium height and has cheeks as ruddy as his brothers. One glance shows you or shows one that he needs no padding at the shoulder. He said early that he is 40 years old, two years younger than Lord Decies, and that he weighs twelve stone six. Translated into our currency this means 174 pounds. Also one would say, judging from general appearances, that Mr. Beresford would pass for 35 and that his weight at the outside wasn't more than eleven stone.

"What are you looking me up against?" Mr. Beresford asked his brother with a grin as his lordship introduced the reporter. "It was just planned to be a bit of a tip-off," Mr. Beresford continued in response to questions about his challenge to fight Mr. Drexel and Mr. Mills. "One thoroughly understands that one must take a bit of exercise every day after one's tub, and so I offered to spar with Mr. Mills and Tony in the morning. I should say that I mean to say, it was largely sporting all around."

"Did the match come off?" Mr. Beresford was asked.

"Not yet," he answered, "but I should say that before I leave again for England I shall have a bit to do with the gloves with one or both of them."

"Where are you going to pull the fight—where will it be?"

"Doubtless up at Mr. Drexel's house. He has a gymnasium there, you know."

"Wasn't it Mr. Drexel's cousin, Mr. Biddle, who wanted to box with you?"

"Mr. Beresford was told that Mr. Biddle was here explained to Mr. Beresford, "is our leading gentleman fighter. He is a whirlwind. He was trained by Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and has held his own with Bob Fitzsimmons."

"I don't know him," said Mr. Beresford simply. "Anyway," he continued with a laugh, "I'm afraid that in my present condition I couldn't meet him. I mean to say I'm all knocked up with influenza just now. But I'm always in for a bit of sport."

"There's a story around also," Mr. Beresford here was informed, "that Mr. Barclay of Boston, our champion amateur heavyweight, wants to meet you."

"How are you?" Mr. Beresford asked. "Under thirty some place."

"Oh, then he's far too young for me to meet," answered the visitor from England. "I'm 30 years old now."

"But don't you think Mr. Drexel is below your height and weight?"

"Not at all," was the answer. "I think Mr. Drexel is taller than I am and I mean to say he must weigh almost thirteen stone. I should be very glad to spar with him, but just as a bit of sport. Nothing really."

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HAS NOT MISS ARNOLD

But a Philadelphia Girl Who Had Elope and Was Taken Home.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—Amateur sleuths searching for Miss Dorothy Arnold, who disappeared early this morning that they had found her, but instead they uncovered another romance and an elopement.

"Will you accept the challenge of Mr. Barbour of Boston?" was a final question put to Mr. Beresford.

"Oh, my dear chap," he said with a gesture that implied he was waving something aside, "two lumps of sugar and a cup of tea."

The impression was gathered that he is not in America looking for prizefight engagements, even of an amateur nature. But also the impression was gathered that if anybody looking for trouble wants to go up to Mr. Beresford's suite on the eighth floor of the Waldorf, it is there.

LORD DECIES'S DINNER

Planned by Miss Gould Entertained at the Ritz-Carlton.

Crimson, the racing colors of Lord Decies, who on Tuesday will marry Miss Vivian Gould, was scattered about the small dining room of the Ritz-Carlton last night, when Lord Decies gave his bachelor dinner to his best man, his ushers and other guests. The table was in the form of a great horseshoe, including a miniature racetrack which showed a tiny clubhouse, a grand stand, people with small wax figures, the paddock and little horses, with one horse wearing the crimson in the lead.

Each plate was rimmed with crimson carnations built up in the form of a horseshoe. Horseshoes of crimson carnations were fastened to the walls behind each chair. Covering the diners was a roof of smiles, and ropes of the leaves also covered all of the walls except where the crimson horseshoes were draped.

Lord Decies's guests included his best man, Lord Alastair Graham of the British royal navy, who is Lord Decies's cousin, Earl Percy, Lord Camrose, who is the head of the Stenor family, and Robin Grey, all of whom are from London; Robert H. Russell, Anthony J. Drexel, Francis W. Townsend and Monroie Robinson, Lord Decies's ushers.

Also at the dinner party were Lord Decies's brother-in-law, the Hon. George A. Wilkinson; Capt. Lumb and the Hon. Seton Robert Beresford, Lord Decies's brother.

Everybody, so one of the diners said, made a speech. Throughout the dinner Mr. Beresford and Lord Decies had to stand a good deal of chaff about the probable outcome of the sparring match between the two, the preliminaries of which were arranged at a small dinner given by Lord Decies the previous night at the Waldorf.

PERKINS ON PROFIT SHARING

Thinks the Larger Copartnership the Solution of Industrial Problems.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—George W. Perkins, trustee of the Equitable Assurance Society, came to Ottawa to-day in a special train to speak to the Canadian Club of Ottawa on copartnership. Mr. Perkins arrived at Tupper Lake, N. Y., at 11 o'clock this morning, several hours late. To avoid disappointing the club he chartered a special train, which brought him in record time to Ottawa, where he was greeted by the largest audience that has turned out this season.

"We have taken nearly a dozen steps into the twentieth century," said he, "and all signs point to a great unprecedented humanizing movement in industrial affairs that will make a substantial impression upon the world's civilization before this century shall have closed. Those of us who have been watching events have felt that there were only three ways out of the present situation: First, the adoption by business men of a broad copartnership method of doing business; or second, a rapid drifting toward Government ownership of many branches of business; or third, revolution."

"No thoughtful man having the real interests of his country at heart can doubt for a moment that the championing of these methods should be the first and honest, vigorous, determined attempt at copartnership. Experiments along this line in some of our larger industrial concerns in the States have been most gratifying, but while these experiments have been going on it has become very clear that copartnership must be practised in the broadest and most complete sense of the term."

He spoke of the profit sharing plan of the United States Steel Corporation and the International Harvester Company and summing up said: "This means profits for the stockholders, extra compensation in various ways for the employees that is beneficial to one and all. It means getting men on salaries and wages to have a live keen interest in the management of a business. It means poppeizing modern industry and if this can be done we will have removed to a considerable degree the dangers that are menacing it and which come about through the feeling on the part of the masses that they are not getting their proper proportion of earnings through wages."

Shot Through Restaurant Window.

Alexander Goldman of 550 East Thirtieth street was shot last night while sitting at a table in a restaurant at 123 Avenue C kept by Mrs. Tilly Pangleberg. The bullet came from outside the restaurant and smashed a show window, finally lodging in the roof of Goldman's mouth.

His condition was not thought to be very serious. The injured man said he had no idea who had shot him or what it meant.

PIET CRONJE DIES IN PEACE

WAS THE FIRST BOER LEADER TO SURRENDER TO ROBERTS.

Lived to Say That the Transvaal War of 1900 Was a Huge Mistake—A Fighter From 'Wag Back, Met His Waterloo at Paardeberg—Gave Shows Here.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
KLERKSBOOP, Transvaal, Feb. 4.—Gen. Piet Cronje, one of the most prominent Boer leaders in the war with Great Britain in 1900, died here to-day.

Piet A. Cronje's surrender to Lord Roberts at Paardeberg on February 27, 1900, was the turning point in the Boer war. He lived to say that the war was a terrible mistake, that it would have been better to have given the English all they asked for when President Paul Kruger and Lord Milner met in conference, and that he never expected to see another national uprising in the Transvaal.

Gen. Cronje was of Huguenot descent. He was born about 1835 and by preference he was a farmer. He was full of fight, however, and he figured in several uprisings that preceded the Boer war. He besieged Potchefstroom in 1881 and received its capitulation, keeping the garrison in ignorance of the fact that an armistice had been declared. He frustrated the raid of Dr. Jameson at Krugersdorp in 1895.

When the final resistance to annexation of the Transvaal to the British Empire began in 1900 he was a member of President Kruger's Executive Council. When the columns of Lord Roberts struck out from the railroad into the sparsely settled region of the Orange Free State between Kimberley and Bloemfontein Cronje and his force were taken by surprise.

Cronje tried to contest the British advance upon Pretoria but failed. At Paardeberg he was headed off by British cavalry and had to surrender with 4,800 men after ten days of obstinate resistance. Lord Roberts lost 1,100 men.

Afterward Cronje described the situation thus: "Lord Roberts had 60,000 men and 125 guns. We had little ammunition, and only one horse was left alive. The water of the river, under whose bank we were sheltered, was unfit to drink. We were short of food. For ten days and nights we stood the ordeal while they shelled us until we could see the yellow tracks of the lyddite about us. We fought until we had no ammunition. If I had been foolish enough to try to break through

the British position not more than 600 of my men would have followed me. When I did surrender Lord Roberts gave me his hand and raised his hat."

Cronje was sent to St. Helena. With him went his wife. There had been tales of cruelty told about him, but the English officers who had him in charge reported that he seemed unaffectedly gentle. He returned to the Transvaal in 1902 and settled down to run his farm and assist his people.

He found that his houses had been burned and his stock destroyed in the course of the war. He pledged his lands to secure a Government loan, then came to America and engaged in exhibitions of the "South African War Game" to pay off the debt. He was at Brighton Beach for a time and at St. Louis. He had to sue in this city for his salary as leader of the sham battle. One night in 1905 he appeared at the annual dinner of the Holland Society here and made a speech in Dutch. It had to be translated to the Hollanders, but when he finished they toasted him and sang the Transvaal battle hymn.

Gen. Cronje's wife having died, he was married again in St. Louis in 1904 to Mrs. Johanna Stietzel of Pretoria, a widow of a former comrade of his.

Daughter of Frank Mayo Dead.
Deronda Mayo Green, a daughter of Frank Mayo, the actor, and wife of John R. Green, a real estate broker, died yesterday at the Sloane Maternity Hospital. She was on the stage for a time and appeared in "The Adventures of Francois" and other productions. Her sister, Eleanor Mayo Elverson, is the wife of James Elverson, Jr., owner of the Philadelphia Inquirer. She too was on the stage for a time, and appeared in "Princess Bonnie." Mrs. Green had been married five years.

Obituary Notes.
Charles C. Filley, who accompanied Henry M. Stanley on the expedition to find Dr. Livingstone in Africa, died on Friday at his home in East Aurora, N. Y., at the age of 67. Mr. Filley went with Stanley as a newspaper correspondent for New York and London papers. He was also with the British expedition against the Zulus in South Africa and was a member of the party that went in search of the body of the Prince Imperial of France, who was ambushed and slain by the Zulus. The body of Mr. Filley will be taken to Hartford, Conn., for interment.

Andrew C. Welsh, dean of the corps of House stenographic reporters, died in Washington yesterday after five days illness of pneumonia. Mr. Welsh was 66 years old. He was a native of England, where he studied shorthand as a boy. He came to the United States in 1872 and took up the profession soon came to be recognized as one of the most proficient shorthand writers in the country. Mr. Welsh had been employed as a reporter of the House debates for twenty-six years.

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